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## *Policies and Benefits*

### **State employees may qualify for student loan forgiveness**

**B**eginning in 2017, state employees who are making payments on large federal direct student loans may benefit from the new Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

Public service workers, including state government employees, who are still paying off federal direct student loans after 10 years of qualifying payments may be eligible for the U.S. Department of Education's Public Ser-



vice Loan Forgiveness Program. The PSLF program forgives the remaining balance on direct student loans for borrowers who, after October 1, 2007, have made 120 monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while working full-time for a qualifying employer.

For more information or to find out if you are eligible for this loan forgiveness program, see the Federal Student Aid website. ●